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Soviet Scientist, Said to Be Spy, Quits East-West Research Post

VIENNA, Austria (UPI)—A Soviet scientist described as a KGB spy and accused of stealing Western oil technology secrets resigned yesterday as secretary of a prestigious international scientific research organization.

Arkady Belozorov, 47, secretary of the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis since December 1979, offered his resignation in a letter to the institute, denying the espionage charges and calling them unjustified.

"I deny the charges completely," he wrote. "The accusations may disturb the spirit of the institute wherefore I have decided regretfully to offer my resignation."

Belozorov has left Vienna with his

wife and daughter and is not expected to return to Austria, institute sources said.

"Unfortunately, even the suspicion of improper behavior by a staff member can be harmful," said a statement from the institute, which accepted his resignation.

Austrian and foreign press reports, quoting local security officials, described Belozorov as a colonel in the Soviet KGB secret service whose task was to find out details of offshore oil drilling, especially off the coast of Norway.

For that purpose, the reports said, he was in contact with a Norwegian double agent whose alias was "Arne" and "Jan Jansen." He was also in touch with Timor A. Besedin, a member of the Soviet trade mission in Oslo, who was expelled from Norway on espionage charges earlier this month, the reports said.

The institute is a non-governmental research body supported by scientific groups from 17 nations, both East and West. It was established in London in 1972 and moved its headquarters to Laxenburg, near Vienna, in 1973.

The institute was set up on the basis of an agreement between McGeorge Bundy, national security adviser under President Johnson, and the Soviet scientist Dshermen Gvishiani.

Gvishiani, who is still chairman of the institute council, was also mentioned in connection with the espionage charges but the institute said it had "no information" regarding the accusations about Gvishiani.